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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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FOR: METHOD FOR THE SEPARATION :  
OF ACIDS FROM CHEMICAL  
REACTION MIXTURES BY MEANS  
OF IONIC FLUIDS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 30, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, Claims 17-26. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the following.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.